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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 12 November 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

12 noon	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq (S/1997/872)*

Other matters

* With a view to a formal meeting following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	48th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/52/285);

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.13).

(continued overleaf)

RESUMED TENTH EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 6th plenary meeting of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly will be held on Thursday, 13 November 1997, at 10 a.m. (see p. 6).

3 p.m.	49th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]:
   (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/52/285);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.13).
2. United Nations reform: measures and proposals [157]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950, Add.1 to 5 and Add.6*)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.17).

3 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations of the Coordinator on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance).

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* To be issued.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 1

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all agenda items (items 62-83) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 3

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [88] (A/52/209, A/C.4/52/L.9/Rev.1)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	38th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [97]
   (e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)
   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.18
2. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [97]
   (g) Women in development
   (h) Human resources development
   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.17
3. Environment and sustainable development [98]
   (f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.19

4. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [97] (A/52/92, A/52/112, A/52/139, A/52/153-S/1997/384, A/52/163, A/52/217-S/1997/507, A/52/284, A/52/318, A/52/432, A/52/447-S/1997/775, A/52/460, A/52/514-S/1997/815)

   (f) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (A/52/413, A/52/573, E/CN.5/1997/8 (Part II))

   Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	39th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97] (A/52/92, A/52/112, A/52/139, A/52/153-S/1997/384, A/52/163, A/52/217-S/1997/507, A/52/284, A/52/318, A/52/432, A/52/447-S/1997/775, A/52/460, A/52/514-S/1997/815)

(f) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (A/52/413, A/52/573, E/CN.5/1997/8 (Part II))

General discussion (concluded)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Human rights questions [112] (A/52/3, A/52/116, A/52/173, A/52/254-S/1997/567, A/52/262, A/52/286-S/1997/647, A/52/301-S/1997/668, A/52/347, A/52/432, A/52/437, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)] (A/52/468, A/52/469 and Add.1, A/52/473, A/52/474, A/52/475, A/52/483, A/52/489, A/52/494, A/52/498, A/52/548, A/52/567, A/52/477, A/52/66, A/52/81-S/1997/153, A/52/85-S/1997/180, A/52/117, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/133-S/1997/348, A/52/134-S/1997/349, A/52/135, A/52/151, A/52/182, A/52/204, A/52/205)

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)] (A/52/497, A/52/502, A/52/515, A/52/527, A/52/472, A/52/476, A/52/479, A/52/484, A/52/486 and Add.1*, A/52/490, A/52/493, A/52/496, A/52/499, A/52/505, A/52/506, A/52/510, A/52/522, A/52/583, A/52/61-S/1997/68, A/52/64, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/170)

4. Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [112 (d)] (A/52/36, A/52/182)

5. Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [112 (e)] (A/52/36, A/52/182)

   Introduction and general discussion

   Introductory statements by:

   Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar
   Special Rapporteur on the Elimination of all Forms of Religious Intolerance
   Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire)
   Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan
   Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti
   Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons
   Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Cuba

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [143] (A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, A/52/426, A/52/464 and A/C.5/52/12)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [114]

   Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/933 and A/52/339 and Add.1)

   Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 143 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, A/52/426, A/52/464 and A/C.5/52/12)) and 114 (Review of the efficiency of the administration and financial functioning of the United Nations: Strengthening of the external oversight mechanisms (A/49/471 and Corr.1, A/49/633, A/49/368 and Corr.1 and A/51/674))

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* To be issued.

* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m. 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Pattern of conferences (A/52/32 and Corr.1 (Chinese only) and Add.1, A/51/946 and Corr.1 (Russian only), A/52/215 and Add.1, A/52/216 and Add.1, A/52/291, A/52/340 and Add.1 and A/C.5/52/CRP.1))

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* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Meeting of co-sponsors and interested delegations on draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.4 (Draft guiding principles for international negotiations)

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

10.45 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

WORKING GROUP (ARTICLE 50)

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the International Law Commission

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* Following the adjournment of the meeting of the Working Group (Article 50).

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Procurement reform (A/52/534)
2. Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

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SECOND COMMITTEE

There will be a briefing by Mr. Gert Rosenthal, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean, entitled "Revitalizing the Regional Commissions", *today*, 12 November 1997 from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to scheduling conflict, *today*'s briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General to press officers of the Permanent Missions at 12.30 p.m. in room 226 has been cancelled.

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Copies of the advanced unedited version of the "Report of the Secretary-General on Observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996) and Recommendations for the Rest of the Decade", submitted under General Assembly agenda item 97 (f), are now available for delegations (outside of room S-2994).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 12 November 1997

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 95 (b) and 96 (b))

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 97 (h) and 98 (e))

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on the scale of assessments, the International Civil Service Commission and the Joint Inspection Unit)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 98 (e) and (b))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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There will be a meeting of the Mason Group *today*, 12 November 1997, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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The third meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group established pursuant to resolution 553 (XXVI) (Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean) will take place *today*, 12 November 1997, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal presentation

Mr. Richard Feachem, Director of the Health, Nutrition and Population Team, and Mr. Alex Preker, Principal Economist of the Human Development Department, will make an informal presentation on "World Bank in Human Development: Strategies for Health, Nutrition and Population" *today*, 12 November 1997, from *1.30 p.m.* to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The presentation is organized by the World Bank. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations, agencies and the press are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) will be held *today*, 12 November 1997, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 13 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Tenth emergency special session

10 a.m.	6th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory: report of the Secretary-General (A/ES-10/16 and Add.1) [5].

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 1

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	40th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	41st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 4
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 4
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 27th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal meetings

Under the auspices of the Second Committee, the following executive briefings will be held:

Monday, 17 November 1997: Ms. Mary Robinson, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, on "Human rights and development";

Wednesday, 19 November 1997: Mr. Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, on "Peace building and development";

Thursday, 20 November 1997: Mr. Yasushi Akashi, United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator, on "Humanitarian crises and development".

The conference rooms and time of the briefings will be announced in due course.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

On 13 November: Mrs. Rehn (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)), Mr. Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Human Rights in Cambodia), Mr. Biro (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan), Mr. Moussali (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda).

On 17 November: Mr. van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq), Mr. Copithorne (Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

Dialogue

There will be a dialogue with the Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Ms. Sandra Mason, on Friday, 14 November 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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The Committee on Relations with the Host Country will meet on Thursday, 13 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in *Conference Room 6*, to consider an addendum to the annual report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1997/CRP.2/Add.1).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations will be held to discuss the draft resolution concerning the situation of human rights in the territory of the former Yugoslavia (agenda item 112 (Human Rights Questions)) on Thursday, 13 November 1997, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Symposium

A symposium on the theme: "The United Nations and the Global Environment in the 21st Century: From Common Challenges to Shared Responsibilities", organized by the United Nations University, in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), will be held on Friday and Saturday, 14 and 15 November 1997, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

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Informal briefing

On behalf of the Friends of Microcredit at the United Nations, the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh, will hold an informal briefing on the follow-up of the Microcredit Summit held in Washington D.C. from 2 to 4 February 1997, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, on Monday, 17 November 1997, at 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The main presentation will be given by Professor Muhammad Yunus, Managing Director, Grameen Bank. In addition, a presentation will be given by Mr. Sam Daley-Harris, Director, Microcredit Summit Campaign. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 10 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 62 to 83 (A/C.1/52/INF.1)

The Committee began the fourth phase of its work, namely, action on draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items.

The representative of Uzbekistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.44/Rev.1.

General statements on the resolutions dealing with "nuclear weapons" were made by the representatives of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Indonesia.

In explanation of their position before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and Israel.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.4* was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of their positions after the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Draft decision A/C.1/52/L.7 was adopted by a recorded vote of 148 to none, with 4 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of India.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.15 was adopted by a recorded vote of 95 to 30, with 28 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, Japan and Tunisia.

In explanation of his position before action was taken on the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Mexico.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.17 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of his position after the adoption of the resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Israel.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.26 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of their positions after the adoption of the resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Spain and Israel.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.29 was adopted by a recorded vote of 97 to 39, with 17 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, Chile and Japan.

In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Uzbekistan, Cuba and Pakistan.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.32/Rev.1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 147 to none, with 8 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of India and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

In explanation of vote before the vote on draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.37, explanations were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States, Argentina, Sweden, South Africa and Egypt.

Preambular paragraph 10 of the draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 99 to 34, with 17 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 139 to 5, with 9 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 96 to 34, with 23 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.37 as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 103 to 26, with 24 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Greece, Japan, Germany, Gabon and Belgium.

In explanation of vote before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of India.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.38 was adopted by a recorded vote of 139 to 3, with 8 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Côte d'Ivoire and Israel.

In explanation of vote before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the Republic of Korea.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52L.41 was adopted by a recorded vote of 107 to none, with 48 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of India.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.44/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of their positions after the adoption of the resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Israel.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General in connection with draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.24

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.24 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of his position after the adoption of the resolution, the representative of Israel made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.25/Rev.2 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of their positions after the adoption of the resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan and India.

The representative of Belgium placed on record that his votes were cast also on behalf of the Benelux countries.

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

SECOND COMMITTEE 34th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(b) Trade and development

The Committee began consideration of the item and had before it the documentation listed in the *Journal*.

Introductory statements were made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the President of the Trade and Development Board of UNCTAD and the Director of the Microeconomic and Social Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representative of Bangladesh, the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Bangladesh, Ukraine, the Russian Federation, Ghana, Uruguay (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Paraguay), Tunisia, India, Cuba, Singapore (also on behalf of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam) and Paraguay (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and Honduras (for the Central American States)).

A statement was also made by the representative of the European Community, an intergovernmental organization.

35th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(b) Trade and development

The Committee continued consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mongolia (on behalf of the land-locked developing countries), Australia (also on behalf of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Fiji, Hungary, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Paraguay, the Philippines, Thailand and Uruguay), Belarus, Venezuela, China, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Burundi, Nepal, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Iraq, the Sudan, Kenya, Poland, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and South Africa.

The observer for Switzerland also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion on agenda item 95 (b).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 25th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Human rights (Part VI section 22); Protection of and assistance to refugees (Part VI, section 23); Palestine refugees (Part VI, section 24); Humanitarian assistance (Part VI, section 25)

The Committee began its general discussion of Part VI of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions who introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part VI)).

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination also introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/16).

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Norway), Algeria, Bahrain, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Cuba, Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), Bangladesh, China, the Syrian Arab Republic, Indonesia, the United States, Egypt and Japan.

The representative of Poland also made a statement.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of Part VI, sections 22 to 25.

Public information (Part VII, section 26)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part VII))

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination also introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/16).

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Portugal, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico, Egypt and Cuba.

The Controller and the Director of the Programme Planning Budget Division responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of Part VII, section 26, pending a statement by the representative of Cuba at the next meeting.

Administrative services (Part VIII, section 27); Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management (Part VIII, section 27 A); Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts (Part VIII, section, 27 B); Office of Human Resources Management (Part VIII, section 27 C); Support services (Part VIII, section 27 D); Conference services (Part VIII, section 27 E); Administration, Geneva (Part VIII, section 27 F); Administration, Vienna (Part VIII, section 27 G); Administration, Nairobi (Part VIII, section 27 H)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part VIII)).

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination also introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/16).

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic, Belgium, China, the Netherlands, Mexico, Pakistan, Egypt, the United Kingdom and Ireland.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to questions posed.

The Chairman also made a statement.

26th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [115]

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

The Committee resumed its general discussion of these agenda items and heard a statement by the representatives of Argentina (on behalf of the Rio Group).

The representative of the United States also made a statement.

A concluding statement was made by the Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [143] *(A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, A/52/426, A/52/464 and A/C.5/52/12)*

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [114]

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/933 and A/52/339)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of these agenda items and heard statements by the representatives of India, the Republic of Korea, Mozambique, Norway and the Russian Federation.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [138]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Director of the Peace-Keeping Financing Division who introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/519/Add.5 and Corr.1).

The related report of the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions was contained in document A/52/546.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion of this agenda item. The Chairman then informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be conducted by Mr. Ihor Humenny (Ukraine).

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Administrative services (Part VIII, section 27); Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management (Part VIII, section 27 A); Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts (Part VIII, section 27 B); Office of Human Resources Management (Part VIII, section 27 C); Support services (Part VIII, section 27 D); Conference services (Part VIII, section 27 E); Administration, Geneva (Part VIII, section 27 F); Administration, Vienna (Part VIII, section 27 G); Administration, Nairobi (Part VIII, section 27 H)

The Committee continued its general discussion of Part VIII of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Norway), Japan, Kenya, the United States, Pakistan, Mali, the Republic of Korea, Egypt, China, Thailand, the Syrian Arab Republic and Portugal.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The representatives of Algeria and Cuba made statements.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of Part VII, sections 27 and 27 A-H, pending statements by the representatives of Algeria and Cuba at the next meeting.

Internal oversight (Part IX, section 28)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part IX)).

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination also introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/16).

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovenia, Cyprus and Liechtenstein), Norway, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Indonesia, Algeria, the United States and Pakistan.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The representative of Cuba also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of Part IX, section 28, pending statements by the representatives of Cuba and Egypt at the next meeting.

Jointly financed administrative expenses (Part X, section 29); Special expenses (Part X, section 30)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part X)).

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination also introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/16).

Tuesday, 11 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 19th meeting

The Committee continued the fourth phase of its work, namely action on draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.19 was adopted by a recorded vote of 101 to none, with 40 abstentions

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) and Tunisia. The representatives of Zimbabwe and Nigeria also made statements.

General statements on resolutions dealing with "conventional weapons" were made by the representatives of Sri Lanka, Slovenia, the Republic of Korea, Viet Nam, Haiti, Egypt, Pakistan, China and Swaziland.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.22 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of their positions after the adoption of the resolution, the representatives of Israel and Cuba made statements.

In explanation of vote before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of India.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.40 was adopted by a recorded vote of 153 to 1, with 2 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.30 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of position before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Ukraine.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.31 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation on their positions after the adoption of the resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan and Israel.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.33/Rev.2 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of its position after the adoption of the resolution, a statement was made by the representative of China.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 15th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [88]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Japan, Singapore, the Russian Federation, Myanmar, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mozambique, Jamaica, Egypt, Burkina Faso, Haiti, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Cuba, Kuwait and the Sudan.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that on Monday, 17 November, the Committee would begin consideration of agenda item 89 (Questions relating to information). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

SECOND COMMITTEE 36th meeting

The Committee held a Video Conference Panel Meeting on "Havana+50: New challenges for the international trading system" moderated by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in New York and the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The Committee began consideration of the item and had before it the documentation listed in the *Journal*.

An introductory statement was made by the Officer-in-Charge of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union; Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia and the associated country, Cyprus, aligned themselves with this statement) and the Russian Federation.

37th meeting

The Committee continued consideration of agenda item 12.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan (in his capacity as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics), China, Norway, Ukraine, Mozambique, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the People's Republic of China, Belarus, Australia, Egypt, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Samoa, Venezuela, Japan, Jamaica, Israel, the Czech Republic, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Singapore and Canada.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 97 (h) was Wednesday, 12 November, at 6 p.m., and at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 13 November, for draft proposals submitted under agenda item 98 (a) and (g).

THIRD COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Note: The summary of the 32nd meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/220).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 27th meeting

Human resources management [153] *(A/52/438, A/C.5/51/55 and Corr.1, A/52/7, paras. 107 to 112, and A/C.5/52/2)*

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of the United States, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Thailand and China.

Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors [113]

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

(c) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Chairman of the Board of Auditors who introduced the reports of the Board (A/52/5/Add.4, A/52/5/Add.5, A/52/261 and A/52/381).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/52/518).

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Public information (Part VII, section 26)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of Part VII of this agenda item and heard a statement by the representative of Cuba.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

Administrative services (Part VIII, section 27); Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management (Part VIII, section 27 A); Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts (Part VIII, section 27 B); Office of Human Resources Management (Part VIII, section 27 C); Support services (Part VIII, section 27 D); Conference services (Part VIII, section 27 E); Administration, Geneva (Part VIII, section 27 F); Administration, Vienna (Part VIII, section 27 G); Administration, Nairobi (Part VIII, section 27 H)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of Part VIII of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Algeria and Cuba.

Internal oversight (Part IX, section 28)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of Part IX of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Cuba and Egypt.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

Jointly financed administrative expenses (Part X, section 29); Special expenses (Part X, section 30)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of Part X of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of the United States, Algeria and Cuba.

The Controller made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on sections 29 and 30.

Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance (Part XI, section 31)

The Committee began its general discussion of Part XI of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Thailand, Cuba and the Philippines.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on section 31.

Staff assessment- Income section (Part XII, section 32)

The Committee concluded its general discussion on section 32.

Statements were made by the United States, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and Pakistan.

The Chairman made a statement informing the Committee that this agenda item would remain open.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium, Cuba, Egypt, Togo, New Zealand, Ireland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Singapore, Pakistan, Australia and Kenya.

The Chairman informed the Committee as to the scheduling of informal consultations for the afternoon.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 26th meeting

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [144]

Statements were made by the representatives of Paraguay (on behalf of the Group of Rio), France, Japan, the United States, China, the Netherlands, Austria, Paraguay (on its own behalf) and Slovakia.

United Nations Decade of International Law: draft guiding principles for international negotiations [146 (c)]

It was announced that Uruguay had joined the list of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.4.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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International Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 1997

301st and 302nd meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee considered the second periodic report of Cyprus (CAT/C/33/Add.1). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

The Committee also discussed the drafted Optional Protocol.

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, 14 October 1994

Ratification: Chile (11 November 1997)*

Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 21 May 1997

Signature: Portugal (11 November 1997)

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations announces that a special signing center has been set up in room C-209B (between the Security Council and Trusteeship Council Chambers) for the purpose of accepting signatures from prospective co-sponsors of a draft resolution entitled "International Year of Volunteers: 2001", which will be introduced to the General Assembly on 20 November under agenda item 12. The center will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. until Friday, 14 November. For further information, please contact Mr. Yutaka Yoshino (521-1526) of the Japanese Mission.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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